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3.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	Bihar	694.50	737.98
		Madhya Pradesh	1587.79	2772.60
		Orissa	796.32	565.48
		West Bengal	659.09	920.79
4.	Grants-in-Aid	Bihar	135.10	39.92
		Madhya Pradesh	19.39	4.31
		Orissa	69.52	13.20
		West Bengal	108.15	35.39
5.	Forest Development Agencies	Madhya Pradesh	—	1074.02
6.	Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forest on Usufruct Sharing Basis.	Bihar	83.06	86.47
		Madhya Pradesh	218.63	265.41
		Orissa	112.45	0.00
		West Bengal	14.00	14.67
7.	Biosphere Reserve	Bihar	—	—
		Madhya Pradesh	—	67.40
		Orissa	01.11	105.50
		West Bengal	173.85	113.00

#### Sale of Diesel Locomotive Factory at Varanasi

† \*404. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for sale of the Diesel Locomotive Factory at Varanasi, which has sold diesel engines to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, to the American Company, General Motors, is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Clearance for sale of Sildenafil Citrate

\*405. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Ranbaxy, Cadila Health Care and Torrent were granted permission to market Sildenafil Citrate, a Vigara substitute, on 9th January, 2001, and the formulation was available on 10th January throughout the country;

(b) if so, how these companies manufactured formulation of sildenafil without permission;

(c) whether this issue has been processed for violating the Drugs and Cosmetics Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) Three manufacturers viz. M/s Cadila Health Care, Ahmedabad, M/s Ranbaxy Labs, New Delhi and M/s Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad were granted approval by the Drug Controller under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to manufacture and market Sildenafil Citrate tablets on 8.1.2001. As per information given by the States Drug Controllers of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, drug formulations manufactured by M/s Cadila Health Care was available in some parts of the country on 10.1.2001, M/s Ranbaxy Labs also released their formulations in the market on 10.1.2001, while M/s Torrent Pharmaceuticals commenced marketing on 12.1.2001. License for manufacture for sale of these formulations was given by the State Drug Control Authorities who are authorised to grant such license as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder, once a new drug is cleared by the Drug Controller.

The State Drug Controllers have been advised to examine whether there were any violation of the licensing provisions issued to these manufacturers under the Drug and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder in the manufacture and marketing of these drug formulations and to take suitable action under the law for violations, if any, that come to notice.